

In re Patent Application of:

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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences and the Examiner for the careful and thorough consideration of the present application.

To further prosecution of the present application, Applicant has amended independent Claims 18, 30, and 57 to more clearly define the claimed invention over the prior art. More particularly, Applicant has amended independent Claims 18, 30, and 57 to incorporate the subject matter of former now canceled dependent Claims 20 and 22; Claims 31, 33, and 35; and Claims 58, 60, and 62, respectively. Applicant has amended dependent Claims 19, 32, and 59 and canceled dependent Claims 34, 36-38, 61, and 63 for consistency.

The Examiner rejected former dependent Claim 22 (its subject matter now incorporated into amended independent Claim 18) over Ogino et al. in view of Flick '571 and Flick '460. The Examiner cited Flick '460 as disclosing the subject matter of former dependent Claim 22, more specifically Claims 5 and 6 of Flick '460. Amended independent Claim 18 now recites the vehicle comprising an instrument panel carrying the vehicle alarm indicator and communicating with the vehicle alarm indicator via the data communications bus to cause an indication of whether at least one new uniquely coded transmitter has been learned. Flick '460 does not disclose this critical feature of the claimed invention. Indeed, Applicant submits that none of the cited prior art references discloses or fairly suggests these features of amended independent Claim 18.

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The Examiner rejected former dependent Claims 31, 33, and 35 (their subject matter now incorporated into amended independent Claim 30) and former dependent Claims 58, 60, and 62 (their subject matter now incorporated into amended independent Claim 57) over Anzai et al. in view of Flick '460. Applicant has amended independent Claims 30 and 57 to recite the vehicle comprising an instrument panel carrying the vehicle alarm indicator and communicating with the vehicle alarm indicator via the vehicle data communications bus to cause an indication of whether at least one new unique biometric characteristic has been learned. Similarly, Applicant submits that Flick '460 fails to disclose this feature of the claimed invention. Applicant submits that none of the cited prior art references discloses or fairly suggests these features of amended independent Claims 30 and 57.

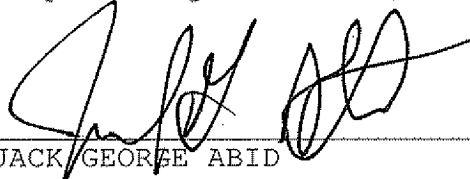
Accordingly, it is submitted that amended independent Claims 18, 30, and 57 are patentable over the prior art. Their respective dependent claims, which recite yet further distinguishing features, are also patentable over the prior art and require no further discussion herein.

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CONCLUSIONS

In view of the amendments to the claims and the arguments presented above, it is submitted that all of the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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